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Lamoine, Maine 04605 and
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Brooklyn, NY 11201
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Board of Appeals
Town of Lamoine
606 Douglas Highway
Lamoine, Maine 04605

Dear Appeals Board Members:

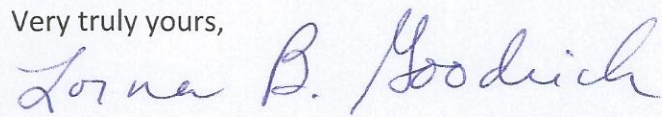
When I left Marlboro last fall to return to my house in Brooklyn, I noted that there were bulldozers clearing the lot where Kathy and Tom True were planning on building a house. There was no sign of additions of rocks and boulders. I thought that the site, as it was, was perfectly adequate to build a house. When I returned to Marlboro on June 19, I was shocked to see: (i) a tall house built on top of a huge supply of rocks and boulders which had been carted in; and (ii) the house was not built on the footprint of the "Candy Cottage". My understanding is that for construction on a grandfathered property, the new house should be built on the footprint of the old house.

Why has the Town of Lamoine allowed construction of this house which ignored the building height restrictions and grandfathering provisions of the Lamoine Building Code? The house is totally inconsistent with the surrounding buildings. It looks as if it is a hawk soaring over its neighbors.

By building such a structure in excess of height restrictions, Kathy and Tom True have demonstrated that they care nothing about their neighbors. It appears as if their concern is only about money. Rather than being part of the Marlboro community and respecting their neighbors, I understand that they are offering their house for rent on Trip Advisor for \$365 a day. The Norris family offered to sell their property on Marlboro Beach to the Town of Lamoine at a below market price. This was a generous offer by people who cared about the community and weren't trying to squeeze every last dollar out of their property at the expense of the community. Many of us made contributions to the Frenchman Bay Conservatory to facilitate the sale so that the public could enjoy Marlboro Beach in perpetuity. Did the Trues make a contribution?

Please respect the concerns of the Trues' neighbors and insist that the height of their building be reduced to conform to the Lamoine Building Code so that the house is consistent with its surroundings.

Very truly yours,


Lorna B. Goodrich